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1. (LOU) "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONFINED TO STATE PERSONNEL.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT: FRIDAY REPORT 7/8/94

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS 11
CALENDAR 12.

3. (U) AF

THIS WEEK IN AF

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE IN ON VACATION AND WILL RETURN
TO THE OFFICE ON JULY 18, 1994.

4. (C) AF/C

RWANDA

--- KIGALI AND BUTARE FALL; RPF NAMES PRIME MINISTER:
THE CAPITAL OF KIGALI AND THE CITY OF BUTARE FELL TO THE
RPF JULY 4. FEARS THAT FRANCE'S DECLARATION OF A SAFE
HAVEN, WHICH COVERED ALMOST ALL OF THE REMAINING TERRITORY
HELD BY GOR FORCES, WOULD LEAD TO A CLASH WITH THE RPF

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WERE ALLAYED WHEN THE FRENCH ULTIMATELY DECIDED TO PROTECT A MUCH SMALLER AREA IN THE EXTREME SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY, ROUGHLY DEMARCATED BY THE CITIES OF CYANGUGU GIKONGORO AND BUTARE. A UN SOURCE IN NEW YORK INDICATED THAT THE RPF HAS AGREED TO RESPECT THE AREA WHICH CONTAINS AN ESTIMATED 500.000 DISPLACED PERSONS, AS LONG AS IT REMAINED STRICTLY NEUTRAL. AFTER ITS VICTORIES ON THE GROUND, THE RPF ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO FORM A BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IN LINE WITH THE ARUSHA ACCORDS, AND NAMED FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU PRIME MINISTER. IN THE UN,

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE SPANISH RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION OF EXPERTS TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN LAW IN RWANDA. DIPLOMATS INDICATED THAT RWANDA WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ASSUME THE ROTATING PRESIDENCY IN SEPTEMBER. THE EXPANDED UNAMIR DEPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING EQUIPMENT DONORS TO OUTFIT CONTRIBUTED TROOPS. NEVERTHELESS, THE EFFORT IS MOVING AHEAD AS 206 TROOPS OF THE GHANAIAI CONTINGENT ARRIVED IN RWANDA, CHAD DISPATCHED UP TO 150 TROOPS, AND SENEGAL CONTRIBUTED TROOPS TO OPERATION TURQUOISE.

BURUNDI

-- SUCCESSION TALKS CONTINUE:
DISCUSSIONS ON PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION GOT OFF TO A SHAKY

START AS NEGOTIATORS BEGAN WORKING TO OVERCOME HARDLINER OPPOSITION AND DIPLOMATS ENCOURAGED A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE JULY 11 DEADLINE. THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE INFLAMMATORY, ANTI-TUTSI RADIO BROADCASTS FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, AND THE CALM THAT CURRENTLY PREVAILS IN BUJUMBURA MAY BE STRAINED EVEN FURTHER IF PRESS REPORTS INDICATING THE RETURN OF ARMED BURUNDIAN MILITIAS ARE TRUE.

ZAIRE

-- KENGO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED - FEW "GROSSES LEGUMES":
TRANSITION PRIME MINISTER KENGO'S GOVERNMENT WAS ANNOUNCED JULY 6 ON ZAIRE TV. ALTHOUGH KENGO WILL BE BOLSTERED BY TWO MODERATE OPPOSITION STALWARTS AT THE MINISTRIES OF

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JUSTICE AND INTERIOR (THE TWO WILL ALSO ACT AS VICE PRIME
MINISTERS), FEW OF THE OPPOSITION'S BIG CHEESES ELECTED TO
PARTICIPATE. FORMER PRIME MINISTER TSHISEKEDI AND HIS
PARTY REFUSED TO JOIN KENGO'S GOVERNMENT, BUT THE PM HELD
OPEN TWO MINOR MINISTRIES AND TWO VICE MINISTERIA
PORTFOLIOS SHOULD THE RADICAL OPPOSITION CHANGE ITS MIND.
KENGO'S GOVERNMENT COULD BE CONFIRMED BY ZAIRE'S
TRANSITION PARLIAMENT (THE HCR-PT) AS EARLY AS JULY 9.
THE US, FRANCE AND BELGIUM ARE CONSULTING ON A POSSIBLE
JOINT PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD KENGO AND CO RECEIVE THE
HCR-PT'S FORMAL BLESSING.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

-- EG ABC'S

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EMBASSY MALABO CANCELED ITS
OFFICIAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN FAVOR OF AN
AMERICANS-ONLY RECEPTION. THE DEPARTMENT IS FOLLOWING UP
THE MALABO DEMARCHE WITH NOTIFICATION TO THE GREG MISSION
IN NEW YORK.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- DEMOCRACY AND GOOD WEATHER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY:
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PRESIDENT PATASSE AND THE ENTIRE C.A.R. GOVERNMENT
ATTENDED EMBASSY BANGUI'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, THE
FIRST TO BE HELD SINCE C.A.R. MADE THE TRANSITION TO

DEMOCRACY. EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE PLEASED WITH PRESIDENT
PATASSE'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF
DEMOCRACY, TRADE AND INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS WITH THE FACT
THAT IT DID NOT RAIN DURING 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES. DCM

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BOB WHITEHEAD AND FAMILY DEPARTED POST JULY 8 FOR ONWARD
ASSIGNMENT TO ROMANIA, VIA LANGUAGE TRAINING IN WASHINGTON.

CHAD

-- WORKERS AND GOVERNMENT FINALLY REACH AGREEMENT:
AFTER MONTHS OF OFF AND ON SOCIAL UNREST, INCLUDING
GENERAL STRIKES AND A PROLONGED STRIKE BY PUBLIC SECTOR
EMPLOYEES, THE GOVERNMENT AND TRADE UNIONS FINALLY REACHED
AGREEMENT JULY 1 ON A SOCIAL PACT. THE BASIC DEAL IS THAT
THE WORKERS GET A 10 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE, AS OPPOSED TO
THE 30 PERCENT THEY REQUESTED, IN RETURN FOR AN AGREEMENT
NOT TO STRIKE. THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PAY WORKERS FOR A
WEEK IN MAY DURING WHICH THEY WERE ON STRIKE, BUT MADE IT
CLEAR THAT THIS IS THE LAST TIME. THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT
AFTER THE PACT WAS ANNOUNCED, SAID THAT THE 10 PERCENT
INCREASE WAS "HIGHLY INADEQUATE," BUT ALSO NOTED THAT
UNDER THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT DIRE ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES,
"WORKERS SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO MAKE CERTAIN
SACRIFICES."

CONGO

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-- JUST WHOSE TURF IS IT ANYWAY?:
THE GOTC AND SUPPORTERS OF FORMER PRESIDENT SASSOU-NGUESSO
POSTPONED INDEFINITELY THE THREATENED OCCUPATION BY THE
GOTC OF SASSOU'S COMPOUND IN THE MPILA SECTION OF
BRAZZAVILLE. SASSOU'S IRREGULAR MILITIA, THE COBRAS, WILL
REMAIN IN THE MPILA COMPOUND AND THE REGULAR ARMY OUTSIDE;
DIALOGUE AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTIES WILL CONTINUE.
OPPOSITION LEADERS APPEAR TO BE ACKNOWLEDGING THE GOTC'S
NOT UNREASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT IT SHOULD HAVE FINAL
AUTHORITY OVER CONGOLESE TERRITORY. MEANWHILE, PARIS CLUB
CREDITORS AND THE GOTC AGREED TO RESCHEDULE SOME DOLLARS
950 MILLION IN GOTC DEBT PAYMENTS.

GABON

-- HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE CAN'T WIN FOR LOSING:
THE GABONESE BAR ASSOCIATION SUSPENDED PRESIDENT OF THE
GABONESE LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS FRANCOIS ONDO NZE FOR ONE

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YEAR, CITING A SUPREME COURT STATEMENT ACCUSING ONDO NZE OF "ABUSIVE RESISTANCE IN REFUNDING MONEY TO A CLIENT."

ONDO NZE USED THE COURT TO CHALLENGE AN EARLIER ATTEMPT BY THE BAR TO DISBAR HIM PERMANENTLY FOR ALLEGEDLY BILLING A CLIENT IMPROPERLY. THE COURT CLEARED HIM OF ANY FINANCIAL WRONGDOING, BUT ISSUED THE CAUTIONARY STATEMENT, WHICH THE BAR THEN USED TO CHECK THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST. AMBASSADOR WILSON RETURNS TO LIBREVILLE THIS WEEKEND FROM A WELL-EARNED LEAVE AND SIDE TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR THE AF/C CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

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SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

-- JUST IN TIME FOR SAO TOME'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS: PRESIDENT TROVOADA SACKED PRIME MINISTER COSTA ALEGRE AND DISSOLVED THE GOVERNMENT JULY 2. TROVOADA CALLED FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER AND STAUNCH SUPPORTER EVARISTO DO ESPIRITO SANTO CARVALHO TO THE PM SEAT; CARVALHO NOW HAS 45 DAYS TO NAME A NEW CABINET AND PRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. SAO TOME CELEBRATES ITS NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE JULY 12.

5. (C) AF/E

ETHIOPIA

-- AMBASSADOR DEPARTS:
ON JULY 6, AMBASSADOR MARC BAAS--WHOSE TENURE IN ETHIOPIA HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY COEXTENSIVE WITH THAT OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA--DEPARTED POST FOR REASSIGNMENT. HIS SUCCESSOR, AMBASSADOR IRVIN HICKS, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ADDIS ABABA ON JULY 19.

-- PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ELECTIONS FAVORABLE:
TWO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS AND THE ETHIOPIAN ORGANIZATION "A-BU-GI-DA" (THE ETHIOPIAN CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY), TOGETHER WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION PRESIDENCY, HAVE PRODUCED COMMENTS, REPORTS, OR DRAFTS OF REPORTS ON THE JUNE 5 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. IN GENERAL,

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THESE REPORTS AGREE THAT THE ELECTIONS WERE AN ADVANCE FOR
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DEMOCRATIZATION AND A NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE
SERIOUSLY FLAWED 1992 ELECTIONS. ALL HAVE EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT THE ELECTION BOYCOTT BY MANY OPPOSITION AND
INDEPENDENT POLITICAL GROUPS, WHICH SERIOUSLY REDUCED THE
COMPETITIVENESS OF THE ELECTION AND WILL RESTRICT THE
RANGE OF OPINIONS IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

ERITREA

-- PEACE CORPS IN '94?:
COMMENTS BY PEACE CORPS STAFFERS AND OTHERS SUGGEST THAT
PEACE CORPS, NOW MOVING FORWARD ON ESTABLISHING ITSELF IN
ERITREA AND RE-ESTABLISHING OPERATIONS IN ETHIOPIA MAY BE
ABLE TO FIELD VOLUNTEERS (PROBABLY BY TRANSFER AFTER
REQUESTS TO EXTEND BY EXISTING PCVS) IN ERITREA BY THE END
OF CALENDAR 1994.

SUDAN

-- SADIQ EL MAHDI RELEASED AMID SWIRL OF ACTIVITY:
THE GOS RELEASED SADIQ EL MAHDI, UMMA PARTY LEADER AND
FORMER PRIME MINISTER, ON JUNE 3, FOLLOWING WHICH HE
PUBLICLY CONDEMNED TWO LIEUTENANTS WHO WERE SUSPECTED OF
CONSPIRING WITH A FOREIGN POWER TO CONDUCT ASSASSINATIONS
AND BOMBINGS. SADIQ HAS SINCE MADE A SECOND STATEMENT
INDICATING THAT HE MADE THE FIRST AS PART OF AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE GOS TO CLOSE THE AFFAIR. HE DENIED HE HAD ANY
OTHER DEALS WITH THE GOS.

MAURITIUS

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AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE (NWFZ):
AT THE FIFTH AND FINAL MEETING OF THE UN/OAU EXPERTS GROUP
MEETING ON THE AFRICAN NWFZ MAURITIUS BROACHED THE SUBJECT
OF THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF DIEGO GARCIA IN THE NWFZ
TREATY'S ZONE OF APPLICATION. HOWEVER, THE MAURITIAN

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POSITION APPARENTLY DOES NOT ASK THAT THE UK BE LISTED IN PROTOCOL III AS AN ELIGIBLE PROTOCOL PARTY THAT WOULD HAVE TO APPLY ITS PROVISIONS TO DIEGO IN THE EVENT THE UK SIGNS THAT PROTOCOL. MAURITIUS ONLY WANTS ITS TERRITORIAL CLAIM RECOGNIZED ON THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE AFRICAN ZONE OF APPLICATION. THE UK TREATY OFFICE HAS APPARENTLY REJECTED THE MAURITIAN PROPOSAL AND WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE GOM.

KENYA

-- POLICY PROCESS FOR JULY 20 DONOR MEETING:
WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE GRAPPLING WITH POLICY DILEMMAS IN ADVANCE OF A KEY JULY 20 MEETING OF KENYA'S DONORS. THE DEBATE HINGES ON WHETHER THE TIME HAS COME TO RECOGNIZE THE GOK'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ECONOMIC REFORM BY MODESTLY INCREASING ASSISTANCE LEVELS, OR WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITHHOLDING ASSISTANCE PENDING FURTHER PROGRESS ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. AID'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPEARS SET ON A "HOLD THE LINE" APPROACH, BUT

OPPOSING ARGUMENTS CONTINUE TO BE MADE.

DJIBOUTI

-- GROD/FRUD TALKS CONTINUE:
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PRESIDENT GOULED'S PRINCIPAL ADVISOR, ISMAIL GUELLEH, TOLD AMBASSADOR CHESHES THAT PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FRUD ARE PROGRESSING, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A SIGNED AGREEMENT IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE TALKS ARE UNDERWAY, GROD MILITARY FORCES ARE UNDER ORDERS NOT TO ENGAGE FRUD MILITANTS IN NORTHERN DJIBOUTI.

SOMALIA

-- INTER-CLAN/FACTIONAL FIGHTING CONTINUES TO EBB:
AFTER THE LATE JUNE/EARLY JULY FIGHTING, THE MILITIAS NOW SEEM INTENT ON REPLENISHING DEPLETED STOCKS OF AMMUNITION AND ON OBTAINING REINFORCEMENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY A FEW INSTANCES OF RELATIVELY LARGE-SCALE FIGHTING. PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT FIGHTING THE UN HAS STEPPED UP EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AT ITS FACILITIES

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IN MOGADISHU.

-- NEW SRSG ARRIVES:

GHANAIAN DIPLOMAT VICTOR GBEHO HAS ARRIVED IN MOGADISHU TO BEGIN SERVING AS BOUTROS-GHALI'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. WHILE GBEHO READS IN, HIS PREDECESSOR, LANSANA KOUYATE, IS PRESSING AIDEED AND ALI MAHDI TO GET ON WITH THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS. KOUYATE WANTS TO SCORE A SUCCESS BEFORE HE RETURNS TO A HIGH-LEVEL UN JOB IN NEW YORK.

-- INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT BEGINS:

IN PREPARATION FOR A DEPUTIES COMMITTEE MEETING, IO/PHO IS ORCHESTRATING AN INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF UNOSOM'S EFFECTIVENESS. THE HOPE IS THAT THIS PRODUCT WILL HAVE A FAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF

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THE SOMALIA SITUATION, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29.

6. (U) AF/EP5

-- MORE ON THE "50 YEARS IS ENOUGH" COALITION:

OVER 70 U.S. ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED THE ANTIBRETTON WOODS COALITION. ENVIRONMENTAL NGO'S ARE AMPLY REPRESENTED, BUT SINGLE-ISSUE AND DEVELOPMENTAL NGO'S ALSO HAVE SIGNED ON. THE COALITION HAS A SIGNIFICANT, VOCAL, AND WELL-CONNECTED FOLLOWING WITH CONSIDERABLE CLOUT ON THE HILL. ITS ACTIVITIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTENSE IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE OCTOBER WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETING

AND ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE AFTERWARDS. THE "50-YEARS IS ENOUGH" PLATFORM REPRESENTS NEARLY TWO MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS AMONG VARIOUS NGO'S. THE USG SUPPORTS SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PLATFORM, SUCH AS PLANKS RELATED TO OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE ARE CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT EFFORTS TO "RE-ORIENT" BANK/FUND ECONOMIC REFORMS AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. WE OPPOSE THE COALITION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCALE BACK BANK/FUND OPERATIONS AND THEIR PLAN TO USE BANK/FUND RESERVES TO FORGIVE POOR COUNTRY DEBTS.

ALTHOUGH A HANDFUL OF NGO'S SEEK THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE IFI'S, THE MAJORITY SUPPORT REFORMING THEM. THEY HAVE URGED LEGISLATION TO WITHDRAW U.S. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR

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THE IFI'S AS THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE REFORM. IF
SUCCESSFUL, THIS INTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORT COULD RESULT IN
CONGRESSIONAL CUTBACKS IN USG CONTRIBUTIONS, OR INCREASED
LEGISLATIVE ATTEMPTS TO MICROMANAGE THE WORLD BANK AND THE
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FUND.

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NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

8. AF/RA

-- ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR DEMOCRACY PROJECTS --

STATE 166550 INSTRUCTED POSTS TO SUBMIT FY 96 BUDGET
REQUESTS FOR BUILDING DEMOCRACY AND PROMOTING PEACE BY
AUGUST 1. IN ADDITION TO PEACEKEEPING AND OTHER MILITARY
REQUESTS, POSTS WERE GIVEN THE OPTION OF REQUESTING
"COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION" (CIT) DEMOCRACY FUNDS ACCORDING
TO "DEMOCRACY BUILDING BLOCK" CATEGORIES LISTED IN PARA. 8
OF THE MESSAGE (ELECTIONS, REPRESENTATIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNMENT, RULE OF LAW, MEDIA, NGOS, ETC.). NOTE: AS
EXPLAINED IN PARA. 6 OF THE MESSAGE, POSTS WHICH RECEIVE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEMOCRACY FUNDS THROUGH A
BILATERAL USAID DEMOCRACY/GOVERNANCE PROJECT ARE NOT
ELIGIBLE FOR CIT DEMOCRACY FUNDS. END NOTE.

ALL POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH MEET THE CRITERIA LISTED IN
STATE 166550 (PARA. 6) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CIT DEMOCRACY
FUNDS, INCLUDING POSTS IN USAID NON-PRESENCE COUNTRIES.
CIT DEMOCRACY REQUESTS SHOULD ENCOMPASS ACTIVITIES WHICH
FALL OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF AREA AF OR DHRF PROJECTS.
FOR EXAMPLE UNLESS FUNDED THROUGH A BILATERAL USAID
PROJECT, PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTANCE TO UPDATE THE NATIONAL

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VOTER REGISTER ARE OFTEN TURNED DOWN, SINCE THEY EXCEED
THE CAPACITY OF DHRF OR AREA AF. AF/RA WILL TRACK CIT

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REQUESTS AND, ACCORDING TO FY 96 CIT FUNDS APPROPRIATED WILL WORK WITH DRL AND USAID ON WAYS TO MEET POSTS' UNMET DEMOCRACY PROGRAM NEEDS.

9. (C) AF/S

ANGOLA

-- (C) PRESIDENT MANDELA ENTERS THE MEDIATION: IN THE FIRST STEP OF HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE LUSAKA PEACE PROCESS, PRESIDENT MANDELA CONVOKED ANGOLAN PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS AND ZAIRIAN LEADER MOBUTU FOR THEIR FIRST MEETING SINCE 1989. AT A LENGTHY JULY 7 BILATERAL MEETING, DOS SANTOS AND MOBUTO AGREED TO REVIVE A JOINT DEFENSE AND SECURITY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS BILATERAL ISSUES AND TO PLAN FOR A FUTURE SUMMIT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. MANDELA WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE MAIN MEETING BETWEEN DOS SANTOS AND MOBUTU, WHO WERE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS ZAIRE'S ROLE IN RESUPPLYING UNITA. MANDELA TOLD THE MEDIA FOLLOWING THE MEETING THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE UN-LED LUSAKA PEACE PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A NEW INITIATIVE.

--- (C) AS THE SECOND PART OF HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, MANDELA HAS INVITED SAVIMBI TO SOUTH AFRICA. A "HIGH LEVEL" UNITA DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO PRETORIA DURING JULY 11-15 FOR PREPARATORY MEETINGS THAT WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY UNITA LEADER SAVIMBI.

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LESOTHO

-- (C) THE "TROIKA" INVITES THE PM AND THE KING TO PRETORIA: PRESIDENTS MANDELA, MUGABE, AND MASIRE INVITED PRIME MINISTER MOKHEHLE AND KING LETSIE TO PRETORIA JULY 8 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO ADDRESS LESOTHO'S CHRONIC INSTABILITY. THE GOL BELIEVES THAT THE TROIKA WILL DEMAND THE REINSTATEMENT OF EX-KING MOSHOESHOE AS THE PRICE FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AGAINST THE ARMY, A DEMAND THAT THE GOL WILL RESIST. THE GOL HAS TOLD KING LETSIE TO STAY IN HIS PALACE.

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MALAWI

-- (U) MULTI-PARTY PARLIAMENT CONVENES:
MALAWI'S FIRST MULTI-PARTY PARLIAMENT HELD ITS FIRST SESSION IN THE BANQUET HALL OF THE LUXURIOUS STATE PALACE IN LILONGWE. IN THEIR FIRST ACT, AFORD MP MUNYENYEMBA WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SPEAKER. VOTING FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER APPEARED TO BE HEADING FOR A VICTORY BY THE MCP CANDIDATE WHEN PROCEEDINGS WERE INTERRUPTED BY PRESIDENT MULUZI'S STATE-OF-THE-NATION ADDRESS. COMPLETION OF VOTING FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER WAS POSTPONED. INITIAL INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE MCP/AFORD ALLIANCE WAS HOLDING TOGETHER.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- (C) GRM COMMITMENT TO PEACE PROCESS WAVERING?
EMBASSY MAPUTO HAS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT HARDLINE ELEMENTS
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IN THE MOZAMBIKAN GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO FORCE POSTPONEMENT OF THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS OR ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE ELECTIONS WITH A SIZABLE GRM TROOP PRESENCE STILL IN THE FIELD. ASSURANCES BY PRESIDENT CHISSANO TO SRSG AJELLO THAT THE NECESSARY ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO COMPLETE ASSEMBLY BY JULY 8 AND DEMOBILIZATION BY AUGUST 15 HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWED. INSTEAD, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED PLAYING A NUMBERS GAME BY SHIFTING ADDITIONAL FORCES TO THOSE BEING COUNTED IN THE "NON-ASSEMBLY" AREAS (BRINGING THE TOTAL OUTSIDE THE ASSEMBLY PROCESS TO MORE THAN 20,000) AND DECLARING CANTONMENT COMPLETE ALTHOUGH THOUSANDS OF GRM SOLDIERS HAVE YET TO REPORT.

-- (C) THE GRM HAS ALSO "SUSPENDED, FORMATION OF THE UNIFIED ARMY (ALLEGEDLY DUE TO A LACK OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR NEWLY-TRAINED UNITS), MADE THINLY VEILED ACCUSATIONS OF UN FAVORITISM TOWARDS RENAMO, AND OBJECTED TO AJELLO'S PLANS TO MEET WITH AFONSO DHLAKAMA TO DISCUSS DHLAKAMA'S ALLEGATIONS OF VOTER REGISTRATION FRAUD. THIS HARDENING OF THE GRM LINE HAS RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER CHISSANO IS FULLY IN CONTROL. THE SUPERVISORY AND CONTROL COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE STUDYING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION.

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NAMIBIA

-- (U) ELECTION DATE SET; CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS.
BARRING UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS, NATIONAL ELECTIONS FOR
THE PRESIDENCY AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON
DECEMBER 6 AND 7, 1994. THE GON HAS INVITED FOREIGN
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OBSERVERS TO WITNESS THE ELECTIONS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.
NAMIBIA'S SHORT ELECTION HISTORY HAS THUS FAR BEEN

EXEMPLARY AND THE DECEMBER ELECTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE
EQUALLY FREE AND FAIR. NONETHELESS, WITH THE LIKELIHOOD
THAT SWAPO WILL WIN BY A LANDSLIDE, THE PRESENCE OF
INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS MAY HELP REASSURE THE OPPOSITION
THAT THE BALLOTING WAS CONDUCTED FAIRLY.

SOUTH AFRICA

-- (U) FINANCE MINISTER KEYS RESIGNS:
MINISTER OF FINANCE DEREK KEYS ANNOUNCED JULY 5 HE IS
RESIGNING HIS POST IN OCTOBER, CITING PERSONAL REASONS.
SPECULATION, HOWEVER, LINKS KEYS' RESIGNATION TO RUMORED
DIFFERENCES WITH RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
CZAR JAY NAIDOO. PRESIDENT MANDELA HAS NAMED CHRIS
LIEBENBERG, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF NEDCOR -- A SOUTH AFRICAN
BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES CONGLOMERATE, AS KEYS'
SUCCESSOR. THE JOHANNESBURG LONG-TERM BOND AND FINANCIAL
RAND MARKETS WEAKENED FOLLOWING KEYS' RESIGNATION.

-- (C) JUSTICE GOLDSTONE TO BALKANS WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL:
BOUTROS-GHALI HAS TOLD USUN HE PLANS TO CALL FOR JUSTICE
RICHARD GOLDSTONE TO ACT AS CHIEF PROSECUTOR IN THE UN'S
WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. GOLDSTONE
SOUGHT AND RECEIVED THE CONCURRENCE OF PRESIDENT MANDELA
AND JUSTICE MINISTER OMAR TO A PROPOSAL IN WHICH GOLDSTONE
WOULD SERVE WITH THE TRIBUNAL FOR TWO YEARS AFTER WHICH
HE WOULD RETURN TO SERVE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE SOUTH
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AFRICAN SCENE AT THIS DELICATE MOMENT IN THE POLITICAL TRANSITION SEEMS INOPPORTUNE, BUT GOLDSTONE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE NEEDS A BREAK FROM HIS DIFFICULT AND STRESSFUL WORK ON THE GOLDSTONE COMMISSION.

ZAMBIA

-- (C) VP AND JUSTICE MINISTER RESIGN:
VICE PRESIDENT MWANAWASA AND LEGAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SONDASHI RESIGNED THEIR POSTS JULY 3, CLAIMING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE CHILUBA GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF CORRUPTION CHARGES. SONDASHI LATER ACCUSED CHILUBA OF INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND OF DRUG ABUSE. NEITHER RESIGNATION IS A GREAT LOSS FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THOUGH THE CORRUPTION CHARGES RAISE ONCE AGAIN THE ABILITY, OR WILLINGNESS, OF CHILUBA TO TAKE TOUGH ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL CRONIES IN GOVERNMENT.

ZIMBABWE

-- (U) MARKET TO SET EXCHANGE RATE
ON JULY 1, THE GOZ ABOLISHED THE TWO-TIER EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM, ANNOUNCING THAT THE EXCHANGE RATE WOULD BE MARKET DETERMINED. MOREOVER, EXPORTERS CAN HENCEFORTH RETAIN 100 PERCENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS INSTEAD OF THE 40 PERCENT WHICH COULD BE RETAINED UNDER THE REGULATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE JANUARY. WHEN PRESIDENT MUGABE OPENED PARLIAMENT A FEW DAYS EARLIER HE PLEDGED THAT THE GOZ WOULD ENDEAVOR TO BRING THE BUDGET DEFICIT DOWN; NOW OBSERVERS ARE FOCUSING ON THE JULY 28 BUDGET SPEECH TO SEE IF THE GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUS ABOUT BRINGING

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DOWN INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES.

10. (C) AF/W

PERSONNEL:

ON JULY 1, AF/W LOST PETER CHAVEAS TO AF/S WHERE HE WILL HANG HIS HAT UNTIL HE LEAVES FOR LILONGWE IN AUGUST. ON JULY 5, AF/W WELCOMED IT'S NEW DIRECTOR, DANE SMITH WHO IS RETURNING TO THE DEPARTMENT AFTER A YEAR AS DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY. JEFF MILLINGTON, DEPUTY

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FOR THE ANGLOPHONE AND LUSOPHONE COUNTRIES, DEPARTS JULY 13 FOR CAIRO; HIS REPLACEMENT, JOYCE LEADER, COMES TO AF/W FROM KIGALI WHERE SHE WAS DCM.

BURKINA FASO

-- BILATERAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE SIGNED: ON JUNE 27, THE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PLANNING, AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR SIGNED A 2-BILLION-CFA-FRANC (APPROXIMATELY USDOLLARS 20 MILLION) AGREEMENT. THE FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO PARTLY ABSORB THE LIABILITIES OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK.

COTE D'IVOIRE

-- JOURNALIST PARDONED AFTER APOLOGY:
"LE PATRIOTE" PUBLISHER BAKAYOKO WAS REPORTEDLY RELEASED JULY 3 AFTER HE AND HIS FAMILY APPEALED TO PRESIDENT BEDIE. AFTER BAKAYOKO'S PAPER PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE CRITICAL OF BEDIE, HE WAS IMPRISONED AND HIS NEWSPAPER WAS
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ORDERED TO CEASE PUBLICATION FOR THREE MONTHS. ACCORDING TO A GOCI-OWNED JOURNAL, BAKAYOKO'S FATHER ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO EXCUSE THE ERRORS OF HIS SON WHO HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF HIS GREAT INEXPERIENCE. BASED ON THE APOLOGY AND HIS GOOD BEHAVIOR IN PRISON, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE ORDERED THE RELEASE.

GHANA

-- GOG IRRITATED AT UN, BUT SENDS 206 TROOPS TO RWANDA: MINISTER OF DEFENSE IDDRISU CONVOKED CHARGE LEDESMA TO A 6 A.M. MEETING JULY 6 TO COMPLAIN OF LACK OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR GHANAIAAN TROOPS REINFORCING UNAMIR. AFTER THE MEETING, MR. LEDESMA ACCOMPANIED IDDRISU AND SENIOR GHANAIAAN OFFICERS TO THE AIRPORT, WHERE THEY SAID FAREWELL TO 206 TROOPS DEPARTING FOR RWANDA. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROMISED GHANAIAAN CONTINGENT NUMBERING 280, WILL REMAIN IN GHANA PENDING "ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE UN THAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE RECEIVED." AT AN INTERAGENCY MEETING JULY 6, NSC, STATE AND OSD AGREED ON THE NEED TO REINFORCE TO THE UN THE URGENCY OF THIS REQUEST.

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GUINEA

--GUINEAN INTERIOR MINISTER'S LETTER TO A/S MOOSE:
AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE USG ATTACHES TO FREE FAIR AND
TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS, INTERIOR MINISTER GOMEZ'S RECENT
LETTER TO A/S MOOSE DEFENDS THE GOG MANAGEMENT OF FLAWED
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS LAST DECEMBER, CALLS FOR
UNDERSTANDING OF GUINEA'S UNIQUE SITUATION, AND HINTS THAT
THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WILL BE BETTER. AFTER
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THE NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION (NEC) DISCUSSES AN
ELECTION PLANNING DOCUMENT WITH POLITICAL PARTIES, EMBASSY
CONAKRY WILL POLL THE PARTIES TO SEE IF THE NEC'S ENHANCED
ROLE IS ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THE "RULES OF THE GAME"
CONSENSUS WE SEEK TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS.

--GUINEA PLANS TO SEND TROOPS FOR UN MISSION IN RWANDA:
THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND A
SMALL CONTINGENT OF 150 TROOPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
UNITED NATIONS PEACE KEEPING OPERATION IN RWANDA, BUT THE
LOGISTICS FOR THE TROOP DEPLOYMENT HAVE YET TO BE
CONCLUDED. DEFENSE MINISTER DIALLO MADE IT CLEAR TO THE
AMBASSADOR THAT THE DECISION RESPONDED TO A UN REQUEST AND
HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FRENCH TROOP DEPLOYMENT IN
RWANDA.

GUINEA-BISSAU

- ELECTIONS PEACEFUL DESPITE DELAYS; RUNOFF LIKELY:
AN ESTIMATED 90 PERCENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU'S REGISTERED
VOTERS WENT TO THE POLLS IN THE COUNTRY'S FIRST MULTIPARTY
ELECTION. VOTING WAS PEACEFUL AND THERE WERE NO REPORTS
OF FRAUD. WHEN SEVERAL POLLING PLACES IN BISSAU CITY

OPENED LATE OR NOT AT ALL ON JULY 3, THE NATIONAL
ELECTIONS COMMISSION SIMPLY RESUMED VOTING JULY 5. DATA
COLLECTED BY OUR EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT INCUMBENT PRESIDENT
NINO VIEIRA CAME CLOSE TO WINNING THE 50-PLUS PERCENT HE
WOULD NEED TO AVOID A RUNOFF, BUT PROBABLY FELL A BIT
SHORT ENDING UP WITH 47 TO 49 PERCENT. IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS THE RULING PAIGC MAY HAVE COME IN
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BEHIND THE OPPOSITION BAFATA MOVEMENT. ALL THIS MAY
REMAIN IN DOUBT FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS, HOWEVER, AS VOTE
COUNTING IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY.

LIBERIA

-- GORDON-SOMERS POPS IN:
UNSRSG GORDON-SOMERS TOLD STATE AND NSC OFFICIALS JULY 7
THAT DESPITE THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES THE LIBERIA PEACE
PROCESS IS STILL MANAGEABLE. HE SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF AN
LNTG-CONVENED, UN-FACILITATED CONFERENCE OF THE FACTIONS
ON DISARMAMENT AS PROPOSED IN A PENDING UNSC RESOLUTION ON
UNOMIL. HE WANTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW NATIONAL
SECURITY FORCE ON THE AGENDA FOR SUCH A MEETING AND ARGUED
THE NEED FOR USG FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN
ENTERPRISE. HE ALSO MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR INCREASED
U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ECOMOG ESPECIALLY ON STIPENDS FOR THE
TANZANIANS AND UGANDANS, AS WELL AS GREATER INTERNATIONAL
ASSISTANCE FOR DEMOBILIZATION OF COMBATANTS.

-- UNSYG WRITES SECRETARY ON LIBERIA:
IN A JUNE 29 LETTER TO THE SECRETARY, BOUTROS-GHALI ASKED
THAT THE USG CONSIDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL
SUPPORT TO ECOMOG TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO
STAY THE COURSE IN LIBERIA. HE SAID HE LEARNED OF THE
FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF THE ECOMOG CONTINGENTS WHEN HE MET
WITH PRESIDENT SOGLO AND GENERAL ABACHA AT THE OAU SUMMIT
IN TUNIS.

-- TUTU DOES LIBERIA:
SOUTH AFRICAN CLERIC DESMOND TUTU VISITED LIBERIA JULY 4-6
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AT THE INVITATION OF THE CARTER CENTER AND THE LIBERIAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. AMONG THE MOST NOTEWORTHY OF TUTU'S
MEETINGS, WAS WITH CHARLES TAYLOR IN GBARNGA, WHERE HE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY LNTG COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KPOMAKFOR. TAYLOR
REPORTEDLY AGREED TO A CEASE-FIRE, A ONE-ON-ONE WITH
KPOMAKFOR, AND A "SUMMIT" MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF
ALL FACTION LEADERS.

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MALI

-- 1991 COUP PLOT ACCUSED GRANTED AMNESTY:
ON JUNE 30, THE PARLIAMENT, BY A VOTE OF NINETY-SIX FOR,
ONE AGAINST AND ONE ABSTENTION, APPROVED THE GOVERNMENT'S
PROPOSAL TO GRANT AMNESTY FOR MAJOR LAMINE DIABIRA AND
EIGHT OTHERS ACCUSED OF PLANNING TO OVERTHROW THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT IN 1991. THE NINE MEN HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY
SINCE JULY 15, 1991 WITH NO FORMAL CHARGES OR INDICTMENT
AGAINST THEM.

-- MINISTRY OF DEFENSE STATEMENT ON ARMED ENCOUNTERS:
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS REPORTED ON
A JUNE 29 INCIDENT INVOLVING THE ATTEMPTED "KIDNAPPING" OF
FOUR TUAREGS BY ARMED INDIVIDUALS. THE MILITARY
INTERVENED AND A SHOOTOUT ENSUED. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
CLAIM THE KIDNAPPERS WERE MEMBERS OF A VIGILANTE GROUP
ALTHOUGH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE STATEMENT DID NOT CONFIRM
THIS. SPORADIC TUAREG AND MAUR ATTACKS IN WHICH 22
PEOPLE WERE KILLED, CONTINUED BETWEEN JUNE 28 AND JULY 1.
THE MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ATTRIBUTED THE ATTACKS TO ARMED
BANDITS WHILE THE PRESS DESCRIBES THE ASSAILANTS AS
INTEGRATED TROOPS.

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MAURITANIA

--UPDATE ON COMPENSATION OF MAURITANIAN AND SENEGALESE
EXPELLEES: FOLLOWING THE IMPASSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS A
MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE
MAURITANIAN/SENEGALESE SUB-COMMISSION AND SENEGALESE DCM
INDICATED PROGRESS IN RESOLVING EACH SIDE'S REAL PROPERTY
CLAIMS STEMMING FROM THEIR 1989 CRISIS. THERE IS
AGREEMENT TO NORMALIZE BANKING RELATIONS AND RELEASE
BANKING ACCOUNTS BUT LIMITED PROGRESS IN SETTling CLAIMS
FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION.

--U.S. FIRM SELECTED FOR MAJOR MAURITANIAN TELECOM PROJECT:
DISPROVING RUMORS OF PLANS TO CURRY FAVOR WITH FRANCE AND
AWARD THE USD 16 MILLION TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT
(DOMSAT) TO ALCATEL, THE GIRM AWARDED THE CONTRACT HARRIS
COMPANY, A U.S. FIRM. THE TALK WAS THAT THE FRENCH HAD
ARRANGED FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO

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FUNDING FROM AFESD, WHICH INSISTED ON THE DEAL GOING TO HARRIS BY VIRTUE OF ITS SUPERIOR BID. THE FRENCH FINANCING MAY HAVE COLLAPSED, LEAVING THE GIRM NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO SELECT HARRIS WITH THE HOPES THAT ITS DECISION WILL ENHANCE MAURITANIA'S STATURE IN THE USG'S EYES AND ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING BILATERAL TIES.

--MAURITANIAN CONTINGENT IN RWANDA:

THE GIRM HAS DECIDED TO DISPATCH A TEN-MEMBER MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM TO RWANDA, PRESUMABLY AS PART OF THE UNAMIR OPERATION. THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE GIRM HAS

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PARTICIPATED IN SUCH A UN-SPONSORED OPERATION IN AFRICA. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GIRM'S TOKEN CONTINGENT TO RWANDA RESPONDED TO PRESSURE FROM FRANCE, MAURITANIA'S LARGEST AID DONOR, WHICH PROBABLY AGREED TO COVER ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE TEAM.

NIGER

-- LABOR UNION SUSPENDS HEALTH SERVICES, THEN BACKS DOWN:
THE SOLE TRADE UNION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS (SUSAS) BANNED MINIMUM HEALTH CARE SERVICES FROM JULY 1ST IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE USTN GENERAL STRIKE. AFTER REPORTS THAT PATIENTS WERE LANGUISHING AND DYING IN HOSPITALS FOR LACK OF CARE AND THAT EVEN BIRTHING SERVICES WERE NOT AVAILABLE, SUSAS LIFTED ITS BAN EFFECTIVE JULY 5. IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE THEY REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL STRIKE.

-- INDEFINITE GENERAL STRIKE CONTINUES:

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE USTN APPEAR TO BE AT AN IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE INDEFINITE GENERAL STRIKE. THE USTN CONTINUES TO DEMAND A 30-50 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT (CORRECTLY) SAYS IT CANNOT SUSTAIN AND STILL MEET ITS COMMITMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY INSTITUTES.

NIGERIA

-- ABIOLA CHARGED WITH TREASONABLE OFFENSES:

CHIEF M.K.O. ABIOLA, THE PRESUMED WINNER OF THE JUNE, 1993

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ELECTIONS, WAS CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF TREASONABLE
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OFFENSES JULY 6 IN ABUJA. THESE CHARGES RESULT FROM HIS
DECLARING HIMSELF PRESIDENT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST
YEAR'S ANNULLED ELECTIONS. ABIOLA WILL BE HELD OVER FOR
TRIAL ON JULY 14. IF CONVICTED, ABIOLA COULD FACE LIFE
IMPRISONMENT.

-- OIL AND GAS WORKERS STRIKE FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
REASONS:

THE POWERFUL NATIONAL UNION OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
WORKERS (NUPENG) STRUCK THE NATIONAL NIGERIAN PETROL
COMPANY ON JULY 4. THE UNION IS ATTEMPTING TO PRESSURE
THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO HAND OVER POWER TO ABIOLA AND
TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENT HONOR ITS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL

COMMITMENTS. THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED BY ARRESTING FRANK
KOKORI, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNION, AND BY
DECLARING THE STRIKE ILLEGAL.

SENEGAL

-- "OPERATION TURQUOISE" - SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION IN
RWANDA:

SENEGALESE CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES STAFF, MOHAMADOU KEITA,
TOLD THE DCM THAT FRANCE WOULD TRANSPORT 200 OF HIS TROOPS
TO BANGUI OR LIBREVILLE ON JULY 7 FROM DAKAR VIA
FRENCH-CHARTERED RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT IN AN OPERATION EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEKEND. SENEGAL WOULD FURNISH
ANOTHER BATTALION OF 550-600 MEN TO UNAMIR. KEITA SAID
THAT THE GOS WOULD REQUEST TRANSPORT AND EQUIPMENT VIA THE
UN (CONSISTENT WITH ADVICE WE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO
HIM) AND THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THE UN WOULD SOON BE APPROACHING
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SENEGAL'S FRIENDS, INCLUDING THE U.S., FOR ASSISTANCE.

-- UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS END STRIKE BUT STUDENTS'
CONTINUES:
REALIZING THAT THE GOS NEITHER COULD NOR WOULD BACK DOWN

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ON ITS REFORM AND COST-CUTTING PROGRAM AND HAD VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO LOSE BY CLOSING THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR, PROFESSORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR CAVED IN AND ENDED THEIR STRIKE ON JULY 2. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED GOS CONDITIONS AND CONTINUE THEIRS AT LEAST FOR NOW. THE RECTOR DECLARED THAT THERE WILL BE NO "ANNEE BLANCHE" AS THE SCHOOLS JUGGLE MAKE-UP SCHEDULES.

-- ABDOULAYE WADE RELEASED ON JULY 4TH:
FOLLOWING THE JUNE 27 RELEASE OF MODY SY, ONE OF SEVERAL ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS IN THE MAY 1993 MURDER OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURT VICE-PRESIDENT SEYE, THE GOS RELEASED ON JULY 4 SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDS) LEADER WADE AND FIVE OTHERS FOR WHOM CHARGES ARE STILL PENDING. WADE MADE A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE AT THE EMBASSY'S FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION TO RENDER THANKS FOR AMERICAN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE. PRESIDENT DIOUF HAD INTERVENED AS THE HUNGER STRIKE BY WADE AND LANDING SAVANE COINCIDED WITH SOME FRANTIC EFFORTS TO PUSH FORWARD A VERDICT WHICH IS PROBABLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY. MOUSTARCHIDINE LEADER MOUSTAPHA SY, JR., REMAINS IN JAIL CONVICTED OF CRIMES ALSO AGAINST STATE SECURITY AND IS LIKELY TO STAY THERE.

TOGO

-- EYADEMA'S AMBITION TO BROKER NIGERIA-CAMEROON
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SETTLEMENT:

MEETINGS BETWEEN THE NIGERIAN AND CAMEROON FOREIGN MINISTERS, HOSTED BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALASSOUNOUMA IN EYADEMA'S NORTHERN HOMETOWN, CONCLUDED JULY 5. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAD UP TO A HEADS-OF-STATE MEETING IN THE LAST HALF OF JULY ALSO TO BE HOSTED BY EYADEMA. THE TOGOLESE WENT BEYOND THE ROLE OF SIMPLE GO-BETWEENS, PLACING ON THE TABLE SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE BAKASSI DISPUTE. EYADEMA'S HIGH FOREIGN POLICY PROFILE IS PART OF HIS ONGOING EFFORT TO ENHANCE HIS INTERNATIONAL STANDING. THE NORTHERN VENUE AND PARTICIPATION OF SEVERAL EYADEMA LOYALISTS EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS EYADEMA'S SHOW, NOT THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S.

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11. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

12. (U) CALENDAR 1994

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JULY 3: PRESIDENTIAL AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN
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AUG. 28: MUNICIPAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIONS IN GABON. MONICA

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OCT. 27-28 MOZAMBIQUE ELECTIONS

END OF REPORT.

13. (LOU) A FINAL REMINDER: PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT
DISTRIBUTION IS RESTRICTED TO STATE PERSONNEL ONLY.

14. AF STADIS ONLY. ASMARA, BUJUMBURA, KHARTOUM AND
LUANDA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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